



Reception Expectations

All children learn at different levels but the government sets expectations for children in each year group. By this stage of Reception we want children to be able to do the things listed below. We have also said how you can help your children do them:

Communication and Language	How you can help:
Engage in story times.	Read a story every day with your child and talk about what happens in the correct sequence
Use complete sentences in your everyday chat.	Chat with your child see https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/ for ideas
Personal, Social and Emotional Development	How you can help:
Talk about their feelings and consider the feelings of others	To talk to your child about how they are feeling and why using a range of words.
Manage their own needs.	Going to the toilet, washing hands, cleaning teeth and dressing and fastening coats independently.
Physical Development	How you can help:
Use a range of tools correctly. Tools include holding a pencil or pen correctly, using a knife and fork, paint brush, scissors.	Draw pictures. Cut out pictures from catalogues, old birthday cards, magazines. Wash the car or bikes. Cook together.
To practice large movement skills.	Go to the park to run, skip and climb on equipment. Go on bike or scooter rides.
Literacy	How you can help:
Read simple phrases and sentences made up of phonemes that they know.	Listen to your child read their school reading book at least 3 times a week.
Spell words by hearing the sounds (phoneme) and then spelling the sounds with the correct letter (grapheme).	Write shopping lists, notes, messages etc. PLEASE do not tell your child how to spell words get them to use their phonics skills for their spelling.
Mathematics	How you can help:
Count up to 10 objects saying one number name for each object.	Count during everyday activities, when shopping, setting the table, counting the stairs etc, see https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/ for ideas.
Understanding the World	How you can help:
Explore the natural world around them.	Go for welly walks or woodland walks and talk about what you see. Talk about the weather.
Expressive Arts and Design	How you can help:
Develop storylines in pretend play	Talk with your child and make comments as they play.

